

## REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 21, 2007, the Examiner noted that claims 1-11 were pending and rejected claims 1-11. Claims 2, 3 and 5-11 have been amended, claims 1 and 4 have been canceled, new claim 12 has been added; and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 2-3 and 5-12 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter is believed to have been added. The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed below.

### REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

At item 6 on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,532,469 (Feldman).

Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to recite "laying out objects indicative of the documents on the relation chart ... and displaying the relation chart ..., at least one of the objects indicative of the document pairs having relevancy being displayed while maintaining a before-and-after relationship of the document pairs in chronological order."

It is respectfully submitted that Feldman does not disclose at least the above-mentioned features as recited in claims 9 and 10. Rather, Feldman is related to determining trends using text mining. Particularly, Fig. 6 of Feldman describes a slide-bar 130 which enables a user to move an enhanced slide piece 132 between two points on a time axis (see Feldman, col. 10, lines 64-66). Moreover, as the user moves the enhanced slide-piece along the slide-bar, graphs 122, 124 and 126 are continually updated responsive to whatever news articles are contained in a five-week period which is "covered" by the slide-piece (see Feldman, col. 11, lines 12-16). Stated another way, Feldman describes continuously updating the graphs by moving a slide-piece along the slide-bar. In claims 9 and 10, on the other hand, the relation chart is displayed while "maintaining a before-and-after relationship of the document pairs in chronological order".

Further, Figs. 4A and 4B of Feldman describes a trend graph. Particularly, nodes which appear in both graphs 60 and 80 are positioned in the same location in both graphs (see col. 9, lines 53-56). Since the nodes are positioned in the same location in both graphs, the nodes cannot represent "a before-and-after relationship of the document pairs in chronological order" as in claims 9 and 10. Therefore, based upon the above-mentioned discussion, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9 and 10 patentably distinguish over Feldman.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims 2, 3, 5-8 patentably distinguish over Feldman for the same reasons as claim 9.

Independent claim 11 has been amended to emphasize a similar feature as claims 9 and 10. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 11 patentably distinguishes over Feldman for reasons similar to those discussed above.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

#### **NEW CLAIM**

New claim 12 has been added to recite a feature that includes displaying the relation chart while maintaining a before-and-after relationship of the document pairs having relevancy in chronological order. It is respectfully submitted that the cited reference does not teach or suggest the above-mentioned features of new claim 12. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that new claim 12 patentably distinguishes over the cited reference.

#### **SUMMARY**

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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